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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Record

SUBJECT : ODM Officials Engaged in Preparing Emergency
Executive Orders

1. On 21 November I made a number of telephone calls to officials in the Office of Defense Mobilization to obtain information on the identities of persons responsible for the preparation of executive orders for use in a national emergency. Ultimately I contacted a Mr. Eftelund, extension 3364, in the Plans Development Division. He referred me to Mr. John Grady, extension 3370, in the Plans and Readiness Area of ODM.

2. Mr. Grady advised me, with particular reference to the draft Executive Order establishing the Secretary of Defense as the official to direct an interim program of censorship, that the draft Order dated August 10, 1955, which had been forwarded to us by the Bureau of the Budget was still the basic document. The more elaborate version represented by an Operation ALERT 1956 document is partly hypothetical. Mr. Grady anticipated that ultimately revised versions of both of these documents would be forthcoming although probably without major changes. He said that another non-hypothetical executive order was going through coordination, and involved the setting up of the Office of Censorship. This document was also dated August 10, 1955. (I cannot find that this Agency has received such a document from the Bureau of the Budget to date.)

3. I learned that a Mr. Drennen and his assistant, Mr. Seaton, extension 3706, are now in charge of the coordination of the non-hypothetical emergency orders. As a general procedure they first develop the action steps and thereafter prepare the executive order setting forth those steps.

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